

REMARKS

With the present submission, claims 1-10 are canceled, and claims 11-20 remain pending. Claims 11, 16, and 17 are currently amended.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Mock, U.S. Patent No. 1,562,651, Chandler, U.S. Patent No. 1,443,343, and Abbey, U.S. Patent No. 4,308,835. As shown above, claim 1 is now canceled, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Claims 2-10 are withdrawn from consideration. As also shown above, those claims are now canceled.

Applicant viewed the PTO-version of his application via the PTO website, and apparently the scanning of the original application omitted letters from some words in the specification and the claims. Accordingly, applicant amends the specification and claims as shown above to "return" the missing letters. Applicant believes that the present amendments overcome any objections due to informalities.

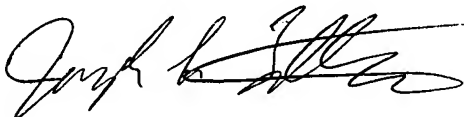
Applicant appreciates the indication in the Office Action that claims 11-20 would be allowable if claim 11 were rewritten in independent form. As shown above, claim 11 is rewritten accordingly.

In view of the remarks above, applicant now submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowability is hereby requested. If for any reason it is believed that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is welcome to contact applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to discuss resolution of the remaining issues.

If this paper is not timely filed, applicant petitions for an extension of time. The fee for the extension, and any other fees that may be due, may be debited from Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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